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To Whom It May Concern:

SUBJECT: Negative Declaration Regarding the Need for an Environmental Impact Statement for the I-90/Dresbach Bridge and Approach Roadway Interchange Project (MnDOT S.P. 8580-149), Dresbach Township, Winona County, Minnesota

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is proposing to construct a new Interstate Highway 90 (I-90) river crossing bridge over the Mississippi River to meet current structural and geometric standards, and reconstruct the interchange at US 61/14 and I-90 to improve traffic safety, capacity and access on and between the highways.

The proposed action was described and analyzed in a federal Environmental Assessment/ state Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EA/EAW) circulated to the EAW Distribution List and others. A Notice of Availability appeared in the EQB Monitor on December 23, 2011. A public meeting was held on January 25, 2012. The comment period closed February 23, 2012.

As the RGU for this project, MnDOT has undertaken a thorough analysis of the project and its impacts. Through its own analysis, coordination with affected agencies, public and community involvement, and comment letters received, MnDOT has determined that proposed project as described in the EAW does not have the potential for significant environmental impact. MnDOT has concluded that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required, and has issued a Negative Declaration determination for the project. This decision and determination is supported by the full administrative record of the project, including Findings of Fact and Conclusions. The Negative Declaration concludes the Minnesota state environmental review process. Also, the Federal Highway Administration has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination for this project, which concludes the federal environmental review process.

MnDOT does not intend to circulate paper copies of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions document which contains the Negative Declaration. These items and others are available on the project website at: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/dresbachbridge/>.

To request the document in an alternative format, please contact the MnDOT Affirmative Action Office at 651-366-4718 or 1-800-657-3774 (Greater Minnesota); 711 or 1-800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay). You may also send an e-mail to ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us. (Please request at least one week in advance).

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